

26Jan2023 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 26Jan2023 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1605, conducted the opening ceremony and declared the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for business

Adjutant: Roll Call: Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Tom Dryer, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer John McCormack, Service Officer and SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, Member Jim Montgomery
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) **present.**
Previous Meeting Minutes dated 29Dec2022 reviewed/approved

Meeting purpose reminder. Review recommendations from committees (including the Club Operations Committee), adopt those recommendations that are judged to be useful for the successful operation management of the post, and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

Business

- Current account status approved as shown below:

- Account status \$174,167.33 24Jan2023 for 26Jan2023 Exec Com Mtg
 - Quickbooks: Dec2022 -\$ 24,895.45 after \$15,228.00 Breakfast distribution to Aux., KOC, SAL
 - SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. \$19,000
 - Aux current total funds available \$24,245 plus a \$6,300 CD
 - Finance report approved (subject to audit)

-Club Opn's Sub Committee report out and recommendations from Emily:

- Feb3-5 Ice Breakers Discussion, chili prep covered., 4Feb Open to public, 5Feb Breakfast
- Feb2023 Calendar available for review
- 15Feb plan to host Ryan S. Uker party with open to public license

AL Events

- 5Feb breakfast has 5 volunteers (Earl, Steve, Jim, John, Mike) so please feel free to join us in the kitchen starting 0600.
- 22Jan presentation to Glen Higgs at Paw Paw Post 28 reviewed as a very successful event by Bruce Thatcher. Bruce is currently working on a brief description of events, organizations and people that supported.
- Steve's van service can support a trip to Southeast Michigan Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service leaving 920 on 4Feb for the 1100 event. Please use sign-up sheet in the bar area if you are interested in taking trip.

SAL Events

- 17March corned beef/cabbage dinner being planned.

Aux Events

- Aux will manage the kitchen cleaning process after 1Nov2022
- Poppy Days 2023 – Patti Sheehy will chair, Shannon Sheehy will co-chair. Planning make the poppy event in early March. Peddler permit & banner reservation applied for.
- 2023 Donations:
 - South Haven Helping Hands is a year round cause. Current needs include new men/ladies socks & underwear
 - Van Buren Violence Coalition January donation \$1000

-Lenten Fish Fry Fridays coming soon... February 24 – April 7

Other Business

- 26Jan2023 membership payment status: 47new, 38PUFL, 326 renewals or 512 total of 631 for 81% vs 80% target. Next goal is 85% for Feb
- Bruce Thatcher reported that business plan draft for Josh Gunneson's non-profit business "The Primal Outfitters Inc." is in process.
- Still waiting on updated quote from Brian beBest for an upper level, north side lawn leveling safe hard surface option to insure walkability.
- Maintenance items- fan filters changed and outside light replaced with long life, low energy LED.
- District 4 Meeting 8Jan 2023 highlights
 - 21 MI Posts have achieved their 100% membership renewals.
 - Motion made to support the nomination of Brian Mohlman (Dept 1st Vice) as Department Commander for 2023-24.
 - Department's Winter Meeting will take place Feb 10th to 12th, at the Crown Plaza in Lansing. For more info, please visit the Department's website.
 - The next District meeting will be held on March 5th, at Stevensville's Post 568, Lunch reservations can be made by contacting Auxiliary President, Jennifer Kickles at (269) 313-1010, jmkick@sbcglobal.net.
 - District meetings may be supported by video conferencing in the future.
- Steve recommended that we have sign made/posted to reserve parking spot for "Purple Heart Recipient". It received good feedback and will be reviewed by Emily at the next membership meeting.
- MVGP reviewed and can be found on the Post 49 website by clicking on the MVGP tab.

Next meetings:

- Membership Mtg 1900 2Feb2023
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 23Feb2023

2023 days to remember:

- Four Chaplains Day Feb 3, SH Icebreakers Feb 3-5, National Salute to Veteran Patients Week of Feb 12, Valentine's Day Feb 14, President's Day Feb 20
- Hug a GI Day March 4, Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12, K-9 Veterans Day March 13, American Legion Birthday March 15, St. Patrick's Day March 17, Medal of Honor Day March 25, National Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29

Post commander John Barkley declared meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post No. 49 Adjourned at about 1800.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49